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PERSHING GETS COMMISSION OF PERMANENT GENERAL AS BAKER EXTENDS WELCOME

From Beginning You Had All the Support the Nation Could Give, Secretary Says.

MESSAGE FROM WILSON.

Distressed That I Cannot Greet You in Person Is Word From President.

Secretary of War Baker was the first to officially welcome Gen. Pershing to Hoboken. On the pier he read a letter of greeting from President Wilson and then presented to Gen. Pershing his commission as a permanent general. Secretary Baker said: "About two-and-a-half years ago, by the President's direction, I had the honor of designating you to lead the armies of the United States in France. To-day you return, your mission accomplished, with victory written on the banners of the great army the nation has ever had, and with the priceless foundations of liberty and freedom saved for us and for the world as the result of our participation in the world war.

"The task entrusted to you required all the imagination, all the energy, and all the genius of a great commander. From the first you had the complete confidence of the President and the Secretary of War. This confidence remained unshaken to the end.

"From the beginning you had all the support the people of the United States could give. You and your great army embodied for them their country and their country's cause. They worked with devotion and self-sacrifice to sustain and supply you with troops and equipment, their hearts were overseas with you and their prayers for your welfare and that of your men were constant. Doubtless the confidence and affection of your fellow citizens were an inspiration to you in the hours of preparation and in the hours of battle, as the superb exploits of the army under your command were in turn an inspiration to our national effort.

"The great victories are now won. Your magnificent army has returned and the soldiers who once marched through the thickets of the Argonne are citizens again, filled with high memories of great deeds and carrying into life the inspiration which membership in that great company and sacrifice for that great cause engendered. Your return closes the history of the American expeditionary forces. The President had hoped to be here personally to speak on behalf of the Nation a word of welcome. In his enforced absence, he has directed me to speak it.

"I bid you welcome, gratefully, on behalf of the country you have served and on behalf of the people whose sons you have led—the confidence with which we sent you away you have sacredly kept. Wherever there is a soldier or a friend of a

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PERSHING CALLS AMERICAN SOLDIER THE WORLD'S BEST

Unequalled Devotion and Aggressiveness Due to U. S. Boys' Early Training.

Gen. Pershing gave a brief interview to newspaper reporters in his suite in the Waldorf this afternoon. He said he did not feel that he could, with justice to his position, discuss the war and his part in it, but he answered some questions.

"I find it difficult," he said, "to express the impression made upon me by the wonderful greeting I have just experienced as the representative of the American Expeditionary Force. But New York always does things in a big way.

"The sight of the Statue of Liberty was something I had waited for. When I left New York for England there was a thick fog in the harbor and we could not see the statue as we passed out."

"I would like to say something about the American soldier," continued Gen. Pershing. "I consider him the best soldier in the world. In aggressiveness and devotion to duty he has no equal.

"I presume the proficiency of the American soldier as a fighter and in every other way is due to the way American boys are raised. They are taught from infancy that they are the makers of their destinies. They live in an atmosphere of independence and aggressiveness. They strive for individual accomplishment and they take into the army all the qualities that make them successful in civil life."

Gen. Pershing said, in answer to a question, that he felt his supreme moment of accomplishment when his troops cut the line defending Sedan on Nov. 6, 1918. Marshal Foch, he said, is a supreme strategist.

COAL MINERS THREATEN BIG STRIKE ON NOV. 1

General Shutdown Unless Their Demands Are Granted, Says Union Head.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 8.—Unless the demands of the United Mine Workers of America for increased wages are met, a strike, tying up all coal production in the country will go into effect Nov. 1, John Lewis, Acting President of the miners' organization, predicted here to-day.

The fourth biennial convention of the mine workers opens here to-morrow. The demands formulated at the convention will be presented to the meeting of operators in Buffalo, at the conclusion of the meeting here.

THREE DIE, 40 HURT IN FIRE ON FLAGSHIP OF PACIFIC FLEET

Reports of Fatal Blaze on New Mexico Confirmed—Several Officers Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—Reports of the death of three members of the crew of the United States steamship New Mexico, flagship of Admiral Hugh Rodman, and the injury to forty others in a fire aboard the vessel here last night were confirmed to-day by officers who directed the fire-fighting.

According to A. E. Billy, chief gunner's mate, the dead are: William M. Savage, engineer, second class; A. Hilarie and George Dizon, mess attendants, third class. The most seriously injured were Lieut. Commanders P. L. Carroll and G. G. McMillan, Lieuts. C. G. Halpine and Norton F. G. Havassee, E. B. Brown and J. G. Mills, Ensigns R. W. Albert, C. T. Wootton, Burroughs and Miller and Gunner Brittenbach.

All were victims of suffocation with the exception of Savage, who was drowned in the ice machine room, according to Billy. Admiral Rodman was ashore at the time of the fire.

A board of investigation was named at once and the scheduled departure of the vessel for Seattle to-night was cancelled.

Approximately 1,000 visitors on board when the fire was discovered were cleared from the vessel's side in half an hour and there was no confusion.

NO RESERVATIONS TO TREATY NEEDED, WILSON ASSERTS

Wants U. S. to Enter League at Start and Not Later With Germany.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 8.—Discussing for the first time during his speaking tour proposed reservations to the League of Nations, President Wilson replied in an address here to-day to arguments advanced by those who favor reservations. He said there was no need for reservations.

"A reservation," he said, "is an assent with a big 'but.' We agree—but."

The proposed reservation providing for unconditional withdrawal from membership, said the President, meant that its sponsors wanted to "sit near the door with their hand on the knob, and if they saw anything they didn't like to scuttle and run."

Declaring the League would include all the great peoples except Germany, the President said Germany would be admitted after "a period of probation." He referred to charges that the treaty was too harsh and said it provided only that Germany pay what she was able. She had committed a "criminal act," he said, and must suffer and pay.

Confidence that the United States would enter the League at its formation was expressed by

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PERSHING'S MESSAGE TO U. S. UPON RECEIVING COMMISSION: "TRIBUTE BELONGS TO MEN"

"I Accept Reception in the Name of Brave Fellows Who Came Over to Serve," He Tells Baker.

AFTER receiving his commission as a General in the Regular establishment from Secretary of War Baker at Hoboken to-day, Gen. Pershing made the following reply:

"Fellow Soldiers and Friends: If this is to be continued I believe that before many days have passed I shall wish, perhaps, that the war had continued." (Applauds his welcome.)

"To say that I am happy to be back on American soil would be wasting words. I am overwhelmed and overcome with emotion when I think of all it really means to all of us. Mr. Secretary, you have been extremely complimentary in your remarks as to my part in the war, and I can only reply to you and say that the co-operation of which you speak, and the victory which is ours, could only have been won by the united efforts of the Nation.

"The Army felt the inspiration of the people behind it. The morale of the Army is dependent upon the morale of its people, and the morale of the American people has never been shaken.

"Credit is due to those brave fellows who faced a well trained and well drilled army with the courage and enthusiasm which it would be difficult to describe. It is to them, Mr. Secretary and friends, to whom we owe this tribute. I trust that those whom we left behind may receive the careful attention of an affectionate people, and their graves may be fittingly decorated as an eternal shrine where Americans may go and learn the new lessons of patriotism.

"I have not time to express my personal feelings, but I shall ask you to convey to the President my very sincere and cordial thanks for what he has said, but especially for the confidence he has shown in me from the very moment that he selected me to command the Expeditionary Forces.

"I thank you, Mr. Secretary, for your co-operation, which I consider in a large sense made the success which was ours."

Turning to the newspapermen, Gen. Pershing said: "What can I say? It is overwhelming, overpowering. To say that I am glad to be home would be entirely superfluous. I accept this, of course, in the name of the brave fellows who came over to serve to the best of their ability to help make success possible. I thank you."

Gen. Pershing on the Leviathan Saluting the Statue of Liberty



PERSHING SENDS THANKS TO EAST SIDE SCHOOLS

Answers Congratulatory Message Sent in Behalf of Principals, Teachers and Pupils.

In answer to a congratulatory message sent to Gen. Pershing yesterday by the 49,000 pupils, teachers and principals of Public School Districts 4 and 5, comprising the lower east side, District Superintendent Dr. Edward W. Stitts received the following radio message from the Leviathan to-day:

"Please express to the pupils, teachers and principals of the schools of the lower east side of New York City my deepest appreciation of their message of welcome and congratulations, and thank them for this evidence of good will and regard."

IN ONE CONTINUOUS OVATION BIG CROWDS ACCLAIM HERO FROM QUARANTINE TO HOTEL

General Touched by Nation's Greeting—Crowd Breaks Through Lines—Brilliant City Hall Reception—Seeks Rest Until Dinner.

Gen. John J. Pershing, with hair whitened and visage seamed by the strain of the struggle in France, came home to-day to a welcome that touched him to the heart. Never has New York seen anything like it.

Officers of his staff, who were with him in the great victory celebrations and parades in London and Paris, said that he showed deep emotion to-day for the first time since the close of the war. The spontaneity and magnitude and diversity of the greeting overwhelmed him.

The man who never tired under the mass of work that piled on him unceasingly in France was genuinely tired when he reached the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at noon. After a luncheon with his son, Warren, and members of his immediate family in the dining-room of his suite, he announced that he would rest until time to depart for a dinner in his honor at the Ritz-Carlton this evening.

The reception began in the misty dawn off Sandy Hook when navy airplanes appeared from the land and circled over the Leviathan. Then appeared the steamboats carrying the various reception committees, and these trailed on or beside the great transport as it moved up the Bay and the North River to Hoboken.

At Hoboken Gen. Pershing was greeted by his sisters and then, officially, he was welcomed by Secretary of War Baker, a joint committee of Congress and William G. McAdoo the personal representative of the President.

GIRL MURDERED WITH HER FIANCE AN AUTO MYSTERY

Bodies Found Near Kenmore, N. Y.—Couple Soon to Have Been Married.

BUFFALO, Sept. 8.—The Buffalo police were called upon to-day to help solve the mystery of what appears to have been a double murder committed near the village of Kenmore, a northern suburb of the city, last night.

A farmer crossing the fields early this morning found the body of a young woman. Following a trail of blood to a roadway leading off Delaware Avenue, he came to a large touring car in which he found the body of a man. Both victims had been shot. The bodies were later identified as those of Norman W. Shear of Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, and his fiancée, Mary Messner. They were to have been married soon.

The Medical Examiner expressed the opinion that they had been murdered by a third party. No weapon was found at the scene of the murders.

Some of the elders among the politicians present think he may have recalled the tour of Richmond P. Hobson.

Just before the ceremonies were begun in the Board of Aldermen

PRETTY GIRL KISSES PERSHING AT CITY HALL

With Mayor Hylan on one side of him and Gov. Smith on the other, the General entered City Hall and had taken four or five steps in the direction of the stairway, when a pretty young woman sprang into the pathway and, throwing her arms around the A. B. F. commander, kissed him on the left cheek.

Gen. Pershing turned scarlet. Mayor Hylan smiled. Gov. Smith chuckled.

They had gone another step or two when a second young woman tried it. She got through the line, but that was all.

Pershing raised his hands. "Oh, madam," he said, "please don't. Not that."

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